

### UConn Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Policy

Any employee who has reasonable cause to believe a sexual assault has occurred must comply with the University's Sexual Assault Response Policy, regardless of the age of the victim. See, <http://www.policy.uconn.edu/> and <http://www.policies.uchc.edu/>.

*In addition*, those University employees who are mandated reporters of child abuse or neglect as defined by Connecticut General Statutes Section 17a-101(b) must comply with Connecticut's mandated reporting laws, Connecticut General Statutes Sections 17a-101a to 17a-101d. Connecticut law defines child abuse and neglect as follows:

Child abuse occurs where a child has had physical injury inflicted upon him or her other than by accidental means, has injuries at variance with history given of them, or is in a condition resulting in maltreatment, such as, but not limited to, malnutrition, sexual molestation or exploitation, deprivation of necessities, emotional maltreatment or cruel punishment. (Connecticut General Statutes §46b-120)

Child neglect occurs where a child has been abandoned, is being denied proper care and attention physically, emotionally, or morally, or is being permitted to live under conditions, circumstances or associations injurious to his well-being. (Connecticut General Statutes §46b-120)

For further guidance see <http://www.ct.gov/dcf/cwp/view.asp?a=2586&Q=314384>

The Department of Children and Families 24 hour hotline for reporting suspected child abuse or neglect is 1-800-842-2288.

All other University employees are encouraged to report suspected child abuse or neglect to the DCF hotline listed above, and are protected under Connecticut law for good faith reporting of such suspected child abuse or neglect, even if later investigation fails to substantiate abuse or neglect.